

## City benefits from travelers

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**Anderson: Tourist dollars trickle down to nearly everyone.**

First impressions are important.

Especially if you're going after tourism dollars.

After agriculture and manufacturing, tourism is the third biggest money-maker for the state.

As tourism season heats up, the Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce and other organizations are trying hard to attract and keep tourists in town where they spend money.

“What many people don't understand about tourism is that it's big business in Gothenburg and contributes greatly to the economy,” said Community Development Office director Anne Anderson.

For example, Anderson said a traveler who buys gas in Gothenburg helps pay the wage of a gas/service station employee.

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## ANNIVERSARY RE-RIDE COMING

Community members are asked to put Sunday, June 20, on their calendars. Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce and city officials are planning a celebration in Ekhorn Park for the 100th anniversary of the Popo Express.

Riders re-enacting the ride are expected to arrive in the park about 9 a.m. for a community breakfast.

Other events are also being planned.

**Popo Express re-enactment** will be held in Ekhorn Park on Sunday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Popo Express, a historic passenger train that operated between Gothenburg and Portland, Ore., from 1910 to 1940. The re-enactment will feature a steam locomotive pulling a passenger car, with riders dressed in period clothing. A community breakfast will be held at the park at 9 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.cityofgothenburg.com](http://www.cityofgothenburg.com).